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Applicant:

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Title:

INACTIVATED RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL

VIRAL VACCINES

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AMENDMENT

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 12, 1996, please amend this application in the following manner: In the Claims:

Amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Thrice Amended) A method of preparing a nonimmunopotentiating, immunogenic composition capable of producing a respiratory syncytial (RS) virus specific immune response in a host immunized therewith which comprises:

growing RS virus on a cell like to produce a grown

virus;

harvesting said grown virus to produce a harvested virus;

purifying said harvested virus under non-denaturing conditions to produce a purified virus substantially free from cellular and [cellular and serum components);

inactivating said purified virus with an inactivating agent to provide a non-infectious, non-immunopotentiating and immunogenic RS viral preparation, and

formulating said non-infectious, non-immunopotentiating and immunogenic RS viral preparation as said immunogenic composition.

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